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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 43

Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier

(Coauthor: Senator Wolk)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bonilla and Buchanan)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43—Relative to the CHP Officer Kenyon Youngstrom Memorial Undercrossing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 43, as amended, DeSaulnier. CHP Officer Kenyon Youngstrom Memorial Undercrossing.

This measure would designate a specified undercrossing on State Highway Route 680 in Contra Costa County as the CHP Officer Kenyon Youngstrom Memorial Undercrossing. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Kenyon
- 2 Marc Youngstrom was born October 8, 1974, in Pasadena,
- 3 California; and
- 4 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Youngstrom graduated from Arlington
- 5 High School in Riverside in 1993, and attended California Baptist

1 University in Riverside, as well as Napa Valley College, in Napa;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Youngstrom, from a young age,
4 recognized the importance of public service, and was known as a
5 hard worker who always gave back to his community; and

6 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Youngstrom served as a member of
7 the United States Army Reserve for six years, achieving the rank
8 of an E-4 Specialist; and

9 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Youngstrom entered the CHP
10 Academy in August 2005 and graduated in February 2006 (badge
11 number 18063), and was initially assigned to the Contra Costa
12 area; and

13 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Youngstrom, after serving nearly
14 three years in the Contra Costa area, voluntarily transferred to the
15 Golden Gate Division as a member of the Field Support Unit,
16 where he served as a distinguished member of the Protective
17 Services Detail, responsible for providing protection to various
18 dignitaries, heads of state, legislators, and other VIPs visiting the
19 San Francisco Bay Area; and

20 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Youngstrom transferred back to the
21 Contra Costa area in August 2012 where he spent the remainder
22 of his career; and

23 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Youngstrom performed several duties
24 over the course of his career, and because of his exceptional skills
25 as an officer, he served as a mentor and recruiter for new officers
26 to the CHP, as well as a RADAR and LIDAR instructor; and

27 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Youngstrom, while assisting a fellow
28 officer on September 4, 2012, with an enforcement stop on State
29 Highway Route 680 (Interstate 680), was critically shot by the
30 driver of the stopped vehicle, and passed away the following day
31 at the John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek; and

32 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Youngstrom, upon his death, gave
33 the gift of life through organ and tissue donation, helping to save
34 the lives of four individuals; and

35 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Youngstrom was a man of family
36 and faith, and was a member of the Community Bible Church of
37 Vallejo in Vallejo; and

38 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Youngstrom is survived by his wife,
39 Karen, four children, Alexander, Madison, Andrew, and Kennedy,

1 his parents, Gaylord and Jill Youngstrom, four brothers, and a
2 sister; and

3 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Youngstrom, as a father, leaves behind
4 a legacy, instilled in his children, of a sense of respect and dignity;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Youngstrom is admired for his
7 professionalism, dedication, honesty, loyalty, respect, and courage;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
10 *thereof concurring*, That the life, achievements, and distinguished
11 career of CHP Officer Kenyon Marc Youngstrom, and his ultimate
12 sacrifice while performing honorable and faithful service to the
13 people of California as a CHP officer, are hereby recognized and
14 honored; and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the State Highway Route 680 undercrossing at
16 Livorna Road *below Bridge No. 28-191* in Contra Costa County
17 is hereby designated as the CHP Officer Kenyon Youngstrom
18 Memorial Undercrossing; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
20 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
21 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
22 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
23 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
24 further

25 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
26 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
27 author for appropriate distribution.